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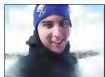


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Jockey Juan Crawford rides A.T. Hall to victory during the first race of opening day at the Fort Erie Race Track. Behind him were More Zip ridden by Bradley Wilson and Quit Glacken, ridden by Terry Husbands.

Thousands flock to track to celebrate opening day

**Kris Dubé**  
Editor

The Fort Erie Race Track is 'alive and kicking.'

That was the motto being circulated at opening day on Sunday as about 5,000 people filled the historic border oval to show their support.

Up until only about two months ago, many people who have called the track home and earned their livelihoods there for so many years had no idea what the future might hold.

Trainer Claudia Rabstein spent the entire off-season in Fort Erie hoping for the best and on opening day she will be ready to race, with nine horses in her barn for this year's meet.

Before learning the Fort Erie Race Track would be running in 2013, Rabstein considered packing up and moving her operation to Woodbine for good, even though the track in the Greater Toronto Area also faced a wave of uncertainty like other venues in the province.

"I didn't want to uproot my family and sell my house," said Rabstein, pointing out that she has two children, aged ten and 15 who both attend school in Fort Erie.

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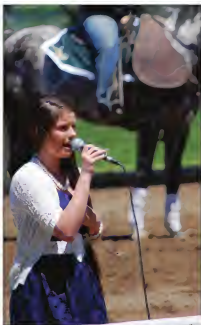


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Three-year-old Kierstan Hennessy with her mom Britanie Hennessy at opening day of the Fort Erie Race Track.

Singer Britney Hebborn performed the Canadian and U.S. national anthems at the opening day of the Fort Erie Race Track on Sunday.



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Jockey Jack Lauzon heads toward the gate atop Cutie Girl before the third race of opening day at the Fort Erie Race Track.

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# 'We've bounced back and everything is being thought of as a positive'

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All that aside, she is ready to go and hopes for more success on the track.

"I'm looking forward to a good season."

There are 50 race dates on the 2013 schedule and the next is June 2 with a 1:15 p.m. post-time.

Chief operating officer Rick Cowan said the average purse for each race day will be \$85,000 and \$11,100 per race. It is expected that each date will provide eight races on the card and Cowan is optimistic a successful season is ahead.

"We've bounced back and everything is being thought of as a positive," said Cowan.

The first date on the schedule is about three weeks later than the normal

which Cowan said does provide some advantages.

The turf track will be open on the first day of racing which normally isn't the case.

Cowan also said that some riders, owners and trainers have had time to get some practice runs at Woodbine and other tracks in the U.S.

"It gave our trainers an opportunity to find out how competitive their horses are," said Cowan.

Perhaps one of the biggest renovations to the season has been scheduling the Prince of Wales Stakes Race on a Tuesday, instead of on a Sunday, which has been the format for almost 60 years.

The purse for

the prestigious stakes race will remain \$500,000.

"It's the richest race in Canada on dirt," he said.

Mayor Doug Martin is obviously thrilled that the track remains in operation for another season but admits he was skeptical before it was certain the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium had struck a deal with the provincial government.

"There were times when I really wondered if we would be able to pull it off again," said Martin.

"This last three years is nothing I've ever seen before, the amount of challenges we've faced," added Martin.

Now, the next step when it comes to the track, is solidifying future seasons.

"The horsemen need to have security that we will be here next year and many years

after," said Martin.

Jockey Melanie Pinto has raced in Fort Erie since 2007 and has accumulated over 200 career wins, with 45 of them earned in 2012.

What is unusual for Pinto this year, is that it appears she will be the only female rider in the saddle at Fort Erie. She said it will take some time getting used to being the only one in her side of the jockey's quarters.

"It's kind of nice to have a little company in the room, somebody to talk to," she said with a laugh.

But overall it won't have any impact on her performance on the track after May 26 and is thankful to be back at work.

"I'm just glad the late decision the government made didn't prohibit us from having a season," said Pinto.

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## Speedway exec wants an answer soon

Tom Wilkinson  
Editor

The Canadian Motor Speedway's executive director says they have waited long enough for the Ontario Municipal Board to render a final decision on the \$400 million project in Fort Erie and that taking this long is not the right way to attract more foreign investment to the area.

In 2012, the OMB ruled in favour of the speedway and the approvals and steps taken by planners and other officials. But in March, a grass-roots environmental group called the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society appealed that decision.

After the appeal hearing, it was explained by the OMB that a decision would be made in a month.

It's been two months since then.

Last week, Azhar Mohammad, the CMS's executive director, flew overseas to Kuwait to meet with investors for what was called an 'emergency meeting' at the time.

Over the weekend, Mohammad said the funding is still in place and confirmed that nobody is backing out of the project, but the government needs to come up with some answers

very soon.

"If we do not receive a decision in the next few weeks, we will reconvene with our partners to determine next immediate steps," said Mohammad.

"CMS is still committed to building this world-class facility. However, we need to stop wasting our time and money as a result of serious inefficiencies in Ontario's development approval process," he added.

Mohammad said he was unable to divulge specific details about the private company's meeting last week overseas, but for the purpose of providing an update to the project's supporters, he explained that a topic of discussion was the excess of two million dollars in losses that have been incurred on land extension payments "directly caused by the ongoing approval delays."

He said the Town of Fort Erie, along with the Ministry of Natural Resources has been co-operative and supportive, but the OMB and its "inefficient process" has put the project on hold for now.

"This is unacceptable to us and we have directed our teams to hold any further work on the project until the decision is rendered," said Mohammad.

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## Do You Remember?

Last week's picture of the dancers at the bar brought back a memory to one anonymous caller.

The girl at the back left of the photo was Donna Hawranek.

We are guessing that these girls were taking their class at the Peacock School of Dance in Fort Erie, but would still like

to know more.

This week's photo of a corsage-wearing couple and another gentleman has "Nov. 4, 1981" stamped on the back.

Do you remember any of these people or what the occasion was?

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## Editor looks forward to another season at track



**Kris Dubé**  
Editor's Notebook

The Fort Erie Race Track is the place to be in town.

There's no way to put it better.

Like thousands of other local residents, I could be found at Fort Erie's landmark establishment on Sunday, taking in the races for opening day.

I was there on a work capacity of about 95% and the remaining 5% equated to a six dollar bet that I didn't even come close to winning.

Within minutes I had lost what I still consider a large portion of my

paycheque, but it didn't get me down.

I saw thousands of people celebrating the fact that the one place that still makes Fort Erie somewhere that can provide a great deal of entertainment, remains open for business.

When Twilight Tuesdays start on June 4, that's when the Fort Erie Race Track shows its true colours, what it

has transitioned into... something that is far more appreciated by people my age by several lengths, compared to what it was as recent as 10 years ago.

Maybe even five. I grew up here and I'm always looking for a good time, so take it from me.

I remember not so long ago being what I call "dragged" there by one of my friends who

frequented the track since he was a kid, usually before we had plans to go golfing and I would usually rush him and try to get out as fast as we could.

I really had no interest in being there.

Now, I'm the one trying to round up a few comrades to head down for a couple races.

I go as much as I can afford because I'm a proud life-long resident

of this town and it is exciting to see a new, growing enthusiasm for such a historic site that needs people to support it more than ever this season.

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# opinion page

## Dog owner has concerns about leash-free park at Sugarbowl

Dear Editor,

It's only the end of May and I have already encountered three different aggressive dogs at the off-leash dog park in Fort Erie.

Two of which actually did bite the other dog. One of those dogs that was bit is mine.

My first encounter was with a dog owner who refused to control his dog, stating that it's "a dog thing."

Even though his full grown German shepherd

had my nine-month-old puppy pinned to the ground with his jaws around my dog's neck.

He was snarling, barking and nipping at my puppy and refusing to let my dog up.

If my dog attempted to get up he would aggressively knock him down and continue that aggressive behavior. The dog owner denied that this was aggression.

A dog thing?

On the second encounter, I was witness to a dog owner denying that her dog was aggressive even

though her dog had attacked a gentle German shepherd 10 minutes before attacking and biting a second dog.

She stated that the dogs were "getting to know each other."

After she left the park, the dog owner found blood on his dogs head and neck.

The third encounter was just yesterday with a dog owner who knowingly has an aggressive dog (she stated herself that her dog was in "training for aggression"). She said her trainer told her to

stop her dog before he enters the "red zone."

Her dog repeatedly attacked my dog and even went after my puppy as he was lying under the bench, and bit him in two places (his shoulder and his tail). My dog is only 10 months old at this point.

Other animal owners have complained to me of other aggressive dogs, and one owner said that the police were called and came to the park to tell the aggressive-dog-owner that he was not to bring his dog to the park

again.

If this continues, the responsible dog owners will be reluctant to bring their dogs to the park which will leave more aggressive dogs than well-behaved ones at the park, and that could end up a bloody mess.

I think this is a big concern because if dogs are getting attacked and bitten by aggressive dogs at the park, there is a danger of an owner getting bitten while trying to protect his dog.

I encourage dog owners to write to the editor in an effort to call atten-

tion to this problem.

Hopefully, with enough dog owners reporting aggressive behavior to the SPCA, they will find the time to step in at the park occasionally, to observe what's going on, because this is getting out of hand.

And I hope that trainers who are training for aggression will advise the dog owners to not bring their dogs to an off-leash park for socialization. I don't want my dog used as a guinea pig.

Jill Johnston  
Fort Erie

### A new life at St. Luke's



Maria Featherston, left, and Rev. Matti Kormono from St. Luke's Lutheran Church were delighted to welcome Connie Charron from the Fort Erie Conservation Club last Saturday. The local organization donated three trees to the church, which has now been officially rebuilt after a devastating fire in 2009. The plans for their trees were laid out by local landscape architect Meghan Krieger.

## Sabres fans deserve better, says U.S. reader

Dear Editor,

Given that many Buffalo Sabres ticket buyers come from the area between Hamilton and Fort Erie, I would like to ask the potential ticket buyers to consider doing things somewhat differently this year.

As everyone knows by now, despite a lackluster showing this past mini-season, and despite missing the playoffs or being bounced out in the first round the last six seasons, Terry Pegula has chosen to retain Darcy Regier as the Sabres' general manager.

During his past 16 seasons as Buffalo's GM, Regier has not been able to keep and maintain teams that make a consistent run at the Stanley Cup. After the 1999 Cup run, they regressed; after their 2006 Cup run, they regressed again, capped by Regier not replacing Chris Drury and Daniel Briere with comparable-quality players after they left for

free agency six years ago.

Other teams have fired their GMs far less after fewer seasons. What is so special about Regier that he gets to stay on despite a record of epic fail after epic fail?

Therefore, I ask potential ticket buyers to send the Sabres' front office a real and unmistakable message, and forego buying Sabres tickets this upcoming season.

Let Pegula and company see a largely-empty arena night after night for a good stretch, and the message just might sink in. The Sabres need a better, more-qualified person as GM.

Darcy Regier has had his chance, just like Lindy Ruff had his chance as coach. The Sabres and their fans deserve much better than this. The fan-base needs to show this message by not showing up until the GM situation is corrected.

Lloyd Marshall Jr.  
Lockport, N.Y.

Country singer 'Tenille,' middle, with members of her band Katie Leussink and Bethanie Earle at Rose Seaton Public School on Monday.

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## Singer has message for students

Kris Dubé  
Editor

A rising star in the Canadian country music scene visited Rose Seaton Public School on Monday, part of her tour that encourages young people to 'Play It Forward.'

Tenille, a 19-year-old singer-songwriter and humanitarian from Grande Prairie, Alta., played songs from her album 'Light' and interacted with students to promote the importance of being

creative and reaching for your dreams.

"We want to encourage kids to do what they do best and that's play... whether it's music, the arts, sports or anything else," said Tenille when speaking with the Fort Erie Times before students started entering the school's gymnasium.

With only a few more stops on the tour that has already lasted ten weeks, she said the response so far from audiences has been wonderful.

"It's been really inspiring. It's

great to see their eyes light up because of their own potential," she said.

Last fall, Tenille and her band-mates embarked on a five-week tour across her home province and because it was so successful, taking her musical message across the entire country seemed like the next best step.

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# Artist popular across Canada

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"Based on the results of that, we've been able to grow the concept to the Canada-wide tour."

Tenille won female artist of the year at the 2012 Alberta Country Music Association Awards and in 2011 she was the youngest performer to be nominat-

ed for female artist of the year at the Canadian Country Music Awards.

She has opened for well-known country acts such as Terri Clark, Easton Corbin, John Landry, Aaron Pritchett, Randy Travis, Emerson Drive and Gord Bamford.

For more information about her career and the Play it Forward tour, visit [www.tenille.ca](http://www.tenille.ca).

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# Forty years of history in local woman's clipping collection

Kris Dubé  
Editor

If your photo appeared in the local newspaper over the last 40 years and you are a friend or acquaintance of MaryLou Allender, it's likely she has placed a clipping of it in one of her 12 organized binders.

Since the age of 16, the proud Fort Erie resident has been carefully saving photos of people she knows that appeared in the Fort Erie Times and formerly the Times-Review.

It all started when she was in Gr. 8, getting ready to attend Fort Erie Secondary School and wanted to make a decision on what sorority she would be joining and clipped photos of students she knew.

Wedding announcements, shots of people being involved in the community and even several editions of the "Sweetheart of the Week," where local women usually posed at

their place of work or showed off one of their hobbies, are all included in Allender's binders.

"If I don't know someone, I don't cut out their picture," said Allender, whose maiden name is Kelley.

Whether it's referring back to her collection to settle a friendly disagreement with someone or simply just to take a stroll down memory lane, Allender says it's a hobby she thoroughly enjoys.

"Looking back on all of these, it's great," she said.

One trend she has noticed in recent years, is that there seems to be less service clubs and groups fundraising for the community covered in the paper. She expects this is because more people were involved years ago, compared to today.

"This generation doesn't seem to do that kind of stuff anymore."

Allender has also volunteered at the Fort Erie

Historical Museum, helping organize archives and identify people in photos.

"It was a lot of fun and I never wanted to go home," she laughed.

Although she doesn't have a specific count on how many pictures are

contained in her collection, she estimates it is in the thousands.



**KRIS DUBÉ** Fort Erie Times  
MaryLou Allender with her extensive collection of photos of people she knows who have appeared in the Fort Erie Times and former Times-Review. Some of the clippings seen in this photo include the wedding announcement for editor Kris Dubé's parents and even an appearance his aunt made as a "Sweetheart of the Week."



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A large crowd filled the streets during last year's Ridgeway Summer Festival. The annual event is in need of volunteers this year.

## Volunteers needed for summer festival

Organizers of the Ridgeway Summer Festival are looking for fun-loving, community-minded volunteers.

Volunteers needed to fulfill a variety of duties for the annual two-day event on Ridge Road set this year for July 6 and 7. Three-hour shifts between 6 am and 6 pm Saturday and 7 am and 7 pm Sunday are available for individuals or groups wishing to help with the festival on one or both days. There are also opportunities to help with preparations for the festival.

Some of the duties include stuffing souvenir festival bags, assisting with general set up and tear down of the festival, helping run children's events (musical chairs and Simon Says), distributing promotional material, manning the festival information booth, manning road blocks, being a runner, garbage clean up, and so on.

Volunteers should be at least 15 years of age, outgoing and organized. They must also be able to smile (a lot) and must like making memories. Great opportunity for high school students looking for community service hours!

If interested, please contact Pauline Carroll, Ridgeway Festival and Events coordinator at 905-353-5053 after 6 pm or via email at [ridgewaystandevents@gmail.com](mailto:ridgewaystandevents@gmail.com).

## Insurance brokers raise big money

Recently, Niagara South committee members of the Ontario General Insurance Hockey Tournament supported the local Big Brothers Big Sisters and Camp McGovern, with a \$24,000 donation.

The Ontario General Insurance Hockey Tournament is organized by a committee of local brokers and claims adjusters and is the largest hockey tournament of its kind for the insurance industry.

This year's edition of the annual tournament occurred during Easter weekend, at the Fort Erie Leisureplex, with post-game festivities and fundraising events held at the banquet hall of the Clarion Hotel.

Beginning in 1981, with a modest tournament of 16 teams, the event has ballooned to a 40 team tournament, which for the past five years has raised funds for the local chapters of Big Brothers Big

Sisters and Camp McGovern.

"This hockey tournament is such a fun, social break from the day to day for friends and colleagues in the insurance industry, but creating an event that raises necessary funds for such great organizations makes it even more special for our committee," commented Scott Maskell, president of the Niagara South Insurance Brokers Association.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara is the leading child and youth mentoring charity, facilitating life-changing relationships that inspire and empower children and youth to reach their potential, both as individuals and citizens.

Camp McGovern was originally created to give underprivileged children the opportunity to go to camp. Camp McGovern takes only children involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs around Ontario and from local United Way member agencies.

"Our agency struggles annually to break-even and without the much needed proceeds from this tournament; we would not be able to fully provide the services that we do in the community. Thank you all once again to the committee and we look forward to next year's tournament," commented Mike Pychel, treasurer of Big Brothers Big Sisters South Niagara.


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Staff from Miller's Auto Recycling stand in front of last year's collection from the annual Tire Take Back event.

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# Councillor says MNR should have been consulted

Kris Dubé  
Editor

There were several questions hopping around the council chambers on Tuesday May 21 about the Fowler's Toad and if the species is being impacted by the construction of a sales trailer for the Crystal Beach Gateway Project.

Perhaps the most vocal critic of the condominium project along Erie Road, before and after the 2010 municipal election, Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts asked if the early stages of leveling a portion of land at the site is conducive to a permit issued to the Town of Fort Erie by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Director of community planning and development Rick Brady said the Town is clear to begin work because

the area designated for the trailer is not related to the actual site the condo is planned to be built on and that the permit is not related.

"It was determined that there is no issue with the Fowler's Toad when we looked at the permit, as the area is grassed and is essentially a backyard," said Brady when responding to Lubberts' questions.

Lubberts also said that a condition of the overall benefit permit, that a designated toad habitat would be monitored for at least two days and surrounded by fencing, should be adhered to even if it just pertains to a sales trailer being operated by the project's developer, the Molinaro Group.

"I was there on the week-end and I didn't see any fencing," said Lubberts. Responding to Brady's

point that the Town did not need to consult the MNR to move ahead with excavating the berm at the site and making room for the trailer, Lubberts continued to voice his frustration.

"I'm a little concerned the MNR wasn't brought in to make that determination," said Lubberts.

Brady said the reason the MNR does not need to be consulted is because the land the trailer is being erected on does not fall into the category of land-type that the Fowler's Toad is commonly found on.

"There's no difference between the backyards along Erie Rd. It doesn't have the characteristics of a toad habitat," said Brady.

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A sales trailer has been set up near the site of the Crystal Beach Gateway Project.



## Fort Erie Communities-in-Bloom GARDEN OF THE WEEK



This multi-coloured tulip bed at 904 Canada Drive is another sure sign spring has arrived.

### Welcome to the 2013 Edition of Communities-in-Bloom

The Fort Erie Communities-in-Bloom Committee would like to thank all of the members of this great community who have supported us in the past and continue to support us in 2013. It is through your enthusiasm and the effort of our committee members that we are able to make Fort Erie a community to be proud of, and together we achieved the honour of winning the 2012 National Communities-in-Bloom award.

We hope that as we move forward, we can build on this wonderful achievement and that more and more people will participate in our local program and help us beautify Fort Erie. All entrants will be recognized with a 3, 4, or 5 Bloom Award in a wide range of categories and will be eligible to win Top Criteria Awards. Entry forms can be found at town hall and at local businesses.

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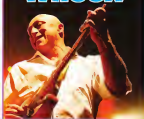
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# Memorial golf tournament continues to support local youth

Kris Dubé  
Editor

An annual event is once again ready to provide opportunities for local youth and remember a young man from Ridgeway who lost his life in a 2008 car accident.

In its sixth year, the Josh Mack Memorial Golf Tournament will be in

full swing at the Fort Erie Golf Club on July 13.

Since its inception in 2008, it has raised almost \$11,000 for young athletes in local minor hockey and at Lakeshore Catholic High School.

Mack was a passionate hockey fan and one of the game's most well-known players from decades ago, Marcel Dionne, attended last



Josh Mack

year's outing.

This year, the money raised will benefit both a deserving student at LCHS and at least five local families who will be treated to an enhanced Buffalo Sabres experience. Tickets to a game, a meet and greet with players and coaches and other luxuries will be part of the package.

One of the event's

organizers, Stephen Cooper, says connections have been made with local agencies that would be able to recommend deserving families.

Considering the success the tournament has seen over the years, Cooper said branching out and providing for more than one individual seemed to be the right

direction to take.

"It's what Josh would have wanted," said Cooper.

"We can help more kids with the funds we have. We didn't expect the scholarship to grow as fast as it has," he added.

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## Betting was up on opening day

The Fort Erie Race Track saw nearly a 30% increase for on-track wagering compared to last season's opening day.

In total, \$129,000 worth of bets were placed at the track during an eight-race card, two less than the first day of 2012 at the border oval.

That's 20% less racing than last season's first day.

Simulcast and signal sales were \$281,000 for eight races compared to \$396,000 on opening day in 2012 when there were 10 races available for fans to bet on.

Even though the overall amount taken in seems less, it actually equates to a 3% increase in betting when both on and off-track is put into the equation because there were less races.

There were 76 entries at the start of the day but four horses had to be scratched from the card between all eight runs.

The next race date is this Sunday with a 1:15 post time.

## Students work together against bullying

Melissa Mangelsen  
Fort Erie Times

The upcoming school year will see changes from elementary schools in Fort Erie. Students, who have established their friends and school pride, will be doing some moving around.

General Vanier Public School and Garrison Road Public School will welcome new students from Rose Seaton and Fort Elementary.

General Vanier will reopen as Peace Bridge Public School.

In the spirit of creating a community bond among students and enforcing an anti-bullying approach, students gathered at Fort Erie Elementary last week for an anti-bullying workshop.

The schools have been working together all school year bridging the gap and

creating a commodity among students.

Beyond the Hurt: A Comprehensive Approach to Bullying and Harassment, which is a program with Canadian Red Cross, was held at Fort Erie Elementary School on Thursday.

The workshops and training of the Red Cross Beyond the Hurt program are part of a comprehensive planning model for prevention education. The program works with youth organisations, schools, sports and community groups to assist in building the community's capacity to respond to bullying and harassment through a comprehensive prevention planning model.

The workshops held at FESS were unique in their own way. Students grouped together to design hats with their new school logo - the polar bear. In total there were four workshops.



MELISSA MANGELSEN Fort Erie Times  
Emily Linwood, Felicia Bouabam, Taylor Hewitt, Cioe Wornach, Matthew Bouabam create hats with a polar bear logo, during an anti-bullying workshop at Fort Erie Elementary School last week.

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## Sales trailer concerns Lubberts

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Lubberts then asked why the process appears to be underway when absolute title has not been granted to the developer. The Molinaro Group is in the process of receiving this status from the Land Registry Office but it has been stalled by claims that there is a road allowance that runs through the property that the condo will be built on.

The site plan was endorsed by the previous term of council and the next step will be getting a building permit issued, which Brady expects won't happen for over a year.

He says that even if absolute title is not granted to the developer, the project will still be able to move forward and a building permit can still be granted.

"The notion of absolute

title has absolutely nothing to do with whether or not the building permit will be issued," said Brady.  
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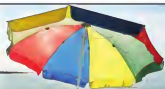
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Every Thursday, 4:15 p.m. Centennial.  
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### Author visit with Cathy Buchanan

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### Centennial will host Movie Monday

Nights each week in June at 6:30 p.m.  
Crystal Ridge will host Tuesday movie matinees each week in June at 2 p.m.

Admission, Staker, Jack the Giant Slayer and Gullit Trip. All movies are \$3.

### Centennial will host thought-provoking

Thursday films each week in June at 6:30 p.m.  
June 6 *The Improbable*, about a family caught in the tsunami of Christmas 2004.

June 13 *A Separation*, winner of the Academy Award for best foreign film in 2011.

June 20 *Kon-Tiki*, a recreation of the adventure Thor Heyerdahl undertook in 1947.

June 27 *My Winnipeg*, winner of the TBF best Canadian feature film in 2008.

**Centennial will host great films for kids and families on Saturdays in June at 2 p.m.**

June 1 *Alce in Wonderland* starring Johnny Depp.  
June 8 *Great and Powerful Oz*  
June 15 *Tangled*  
June 29 *Despicable Me*.

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On behalf of Chefs Bistro and Restaurant we would like to thank the following people who help make our Grand Opening/W.A.R.M. fundraiser a great success.

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**Bouquet to family  
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**Brick to litter bugs**

This is the season when people tend to be out and about more often in the outdoors, therefore we see more litter than we do on the litter months. This is an age-old lecture, but clean up after yourself.

**Bouquet to country singer**

This is a bouquet to the young country singer "Tenille," who performed at Rose Seaton Public School this week. She's a very talented young lady with a great vision for what she wants to do with her career.

**Bouquet to Fort  
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This is a bouquet to MaryLou Allender, a local woman who is featured in this week's issue about her 'local hobby.'

**Big Bike**

KRIS DUBE Fort Erie Times

A team consisting of members from the Clarion Hotel, Maid to Sparkle and the Fort Erie Lions Club go for a cruise on the Big Bike last Tuesday, for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Go to [www.forterietimes.ca](http://www.forterietimes.ca) for more on the event.

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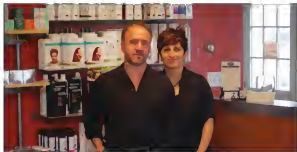
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## Arrests made in Ridgeway fires

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One 18-year-old man was arrested along with an 18-year-old who was 17 at the time of some of the fires. They both face several counts of mischief under \$5,000.

Last week, Niagara Regional Police asked for public assistance to find

the culprits.

On April 26, at 12:15 a.m., some garbage was set on fire behind an abandoned Gorbam Rd., business. Four teenaged males were seen running from the area.

On May 19, at 11:30 p.m., a dumpster at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach high school was set on fire and two teenaged males were seen in the area.

On May 21, at 3:30 a.m.,

another dumpster was set on fire behind a Dominion Rd., convenience store.

Two recycling boxes were also set on fire in front of two Belair Ave. homes around the same time. Two teenaged males were again seen.

Police say they believe the two men arrested Saturday were responsible for the fires and thanked the public for helping to identify them.

## Police execute search warrant at Buffalo Rd. address

Two local males face charges and were released on a promise to appear in court at a later date

Last Thursday, the Niagara Regional Police

executed a controlled drugs and substances act search warrant at a residence on Buffalo Rd.

As a result of the warrant, a quantity of cocaine, oxycodone, marijuana, currency and drug paraphernalia was seized and two males were arrested.

Facing a number of charges are 34-year-old Philip Popering and 30-year-old William Brown.

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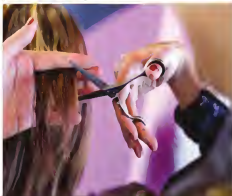
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# Peewee champs welcomed by council

Kris Dubé  
Editor

A local minor hockey team was congratulated by the mayor and council on Monday night.

They even received a standing ovation from everyone in the crowd.

Back in April, the Fort Erie Peewee House-League Blackhawks won the Alliance Provincial Championships in Woodstock. The team went undefeated through the tournament beating Waterloo 4-1 in the semi-finals and London 2-0 in the finals. This is the first Alliance provincial championship won by Fort Erie in more than 10 years.

Before heading into the meeting, the team was swarmed by local media to talk about the recent accomplishment.

Mitchell Hingley said having success in the regular season is what got them prepared for the next task, playing at a more competitive level for the Ontario title. When that time arrived, they were more than ready.

"We worked really hard and went through the whole tournament without a loss. It was really awesome," he said.

Cliff Witbeck modestly said it was a unified effort and that goaltender Zak Senneit was solid between the pipes, keeping his team in contention with



three shutouts.

"It was a lot of team work and we had a great goaltender," said Witbeck.

Head coach Eric Cochrane and the rest of the team's staff and players' parents are extremely proud of this incredible feat, especially since they competed against teams from much larger municipalities, using London as an example.

"They have quite the pool to choose from. This just shows the talent and determination we have in the small town of Fort Erie," said Cochrane.

"It's quite the accomplishment."

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Mayor Doug Martin with provincial peewee champs Liam Solomon, left, Nick Havill, Nathan Park, Ethan Mileni, Cliff Witbeck, Zak Senneit, Thomas Cochrane, Kenny Hooga, Kyle Detenbeck, Mitchell Hingley, and Braeden Tabbert. Missing from this photo are Ian Skingley and Gabriel Grigarov.

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# 'I'm really glad to see the track go on'

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Sam and his wife Audrey, had two daughters Susan and Teresa. Susan and her husband, Tim Milligan, own a farm near Dunnville where they operate a boarding and stable and break yearlings.

"I'm really fortunate that the passion for horses is continuing on through my daughter and son-in-law," he said.

On Father's Day, June 16, the Fort Erie Race Track will be honouring the career of McComb.

"Apparently that was supposed to be a secret," he laughed. "It seems to be when I'll be on Father's Day."

Sam said he found out about it from someone using their Smartphone.

Those who attend will be given the opportunity to receive an autographed poster that celebrates McComb's career by making a small donation to the Fort Erie SPCA, a cause very close to his heart.

During the day of racing, Patrick Long will entertain at the Tiki Bar Patio.

Despite the worries over the winter over the future of the Fort Erie Race Track, it seems to have a new lease on its life.

"I'm really glad to see the track go on. It employs a lot of people and it's great for the economy. It brings a lot of people into Fort Erie. It also keeps local farmers in business," he said.

"There's been a lot of decline in the people who go out and watch the race because you can easily access the races on TV, but nothing compares to going to a race. I suggest a day for anyone to go out and spend the day at the track. See what it's all about," said McComb.

He is still a familiar face at the Fort Erie Race Track, spending as much time there as he can.

"I love a day at Fort Erie, watching the races and spending the day with people. The track is 116-years-old. I've had many happy days there and the Fort Erie Track is the place to go."



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

For last Wednesday's home opener, members of the Second Lincoln Artillery, a local re-enactment group, fired a cannon before the first pitch.

## Cannons have two wins in three games

The Fort Erie Cannons have two wins and one loss after the first three games of the 2013 season.

In the opener on the road against the Thorold Fantoms, they scored six runs in the fifth inning to overcome a 7-3 deficit and go on to win 10-7.

Riley Zimad picked up the win in relief while Zak Porter recorded the save.

Adam Fowler, Matt Pine, Robin Kellar and Josh Bessem all collected two hits in the game. In last Wednesday's home opener, the Cannons dropped a hard fought 12-9 decision to the Niagara Falls Expos.

After a slow start, the home side fell behind 11-2 before storming back with seven unanswered runs to make for a very interesting and exciting finish. Kris Hodges led the offense going three for four at the plate, with a homerun.

Lucas Cummings, Mike Douglas, and Colin Cevalier all collected two hits in the game. Royce Gooder had the defensive gem of the game making a shoestring running grab in right field then doubling the baserunner off at first base.

In Welland on Monday, Fort Erie beat the Pirates 5-4 in a well-played game by both teams. Zak Porter picked up the win going five strong innings giving up only four hits while striking out five batters.

Mike Fowler came in with two outs in the sixth and pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save. Mike Dimarcantonio (2 for 4), and Chris Patterson (2 for 3) were the offensive sparks for the Cannons this night. Robin Kellar, who threw out three Pirate baserunners trying to steal second base was the defensive star of the game. The Cannons are off to a tournament this weekend in Tillsonburg and return home to host the Merritt Alliance on Wednesday June 5. Game time is 7:30 pm. at Oakes Park.

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**BURT** - The family of Patricia Burt would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the loss of our dear Aunt Pat. Special thanks to Dr. Gleason and office staff, Dr. "Jo" Michalski, the church family of St. Paul's, the A.C.W.A. and the Victorian Tea Ladies. Particular thanks to the loving staff at Gilmore Lodge who brightened Aunt Pat's last days.  
 God's blessings on all.

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**MATTHEWS, Janet Mary** - The family of the late Janet Matthews would like to extend their sincerest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy and outpouring of love and support during this most difficult time. To those who came to the funeral home, sent flowers, cards of sympathy, on-line condolences and made donations to Hospice Niagara we cannot thank you enough. To the staff of Jurviski Cancer Centre, Niagara Falls Hospital, COAC and the amazing people of Hospice Niagara you provided Janet with the care and compassion that only true professionals can give. Thanks to the staff of Williams Funeral Services for professionalism shown and to the Reverend Carmen David Thomas for conducting a most touching and sincere service. Thank you to Barbara Hopkins and the Ladies Auxiliary of RCL Branch 230 for the luncheon attended by many family and friends. Janet touched many people in her life as evidenced by the attendance and comments made by so many.  
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### GIANFRANCESCO, Vincenzo "Jimmy"

Passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, May 25th, 2013 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of over 65 years to Giacinta. Loving father of Pasquale (Christine), Joanne (Lorne) Black, Maria (Bob) Pettigrew, Lena (Bruno) Settini and David (Susan). Cherished Nonno of Vincent, Raymond, Alicia, Kerry, Christopher and Andrea and proud great grandfather of Pasquale. Vincenzo, known to his friends and co-workers as Jimmy was employed for his entire life with the town of Fort Erie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 29th at 1 p.m. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. The family extend their appreciation for the compassionate care provided by Dr. Scher, the nurses and staff of Douglas Memorial Hospital.



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**HILLIKER, Howard M. (Dick)** - Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday May 27, 2013, Howard (Dick) Hilliker, beloved husband of the late Kay Hilliker, dear father of Dean, Dennis (Laurie), Lori Pringle (Ron), companion of Shirley, brother of Jack & Joyce Hilliker, Melody & Rick Smith of Welland, & the late Lloyd & Lawrence (Buck) Hilliker. Also survived by 4 grandchildren & 6 great-grandchildren. At Howard's request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Howard's life will be held at the Bertie Boating Club, 1010 Point Abino Rd., on Saturday June 8, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, (905) 894-0120



**MALLIA, Vincenza (nee Alongi)** - Vincenza passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2013 at Maple Park Lodge in her 88th year surrounded by the love of her family. Loving mother of the Late Francesco (Anna) and their children, Enza (Vittorio) Del Piano, Savario Mallia and Gianni (Susi) Mallia, her daughter Josephina (Tony) Infurna and their children Joe (Shari) Infurna and Francesca (Roberto) Vergallo, her son Salvatore (Jenny) Mallia and their child Stevito Mallia, her son Giovanni (Elena) Mallia and their children Enza (Lito) Neri, Valentina (Jason) Mayfield and Deborah (Jason) Chisholm. Sadly missed by 17 great-grandchildren, her brother Pasquale Alongi, sisters Angella Iacono and Francesca Piazza, sisters in law Collogera Alongi, Giuseppe Alongi and Vincenza Alongi and her brother in law Raffaele Piazza. Predeceased by her sister Leonarda Caspello, brothers Gerlando Alongi and Francesco Alongi as well as brothers in law Alfonso Caspello and Antonino Iacono. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday May 23rd, from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Friday May 24th, at 11am. Interment to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Thanks to Robin Parkway Nurses at Maple Park Lodge and Dr. Cha for their outstanding care and compassion.



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**HAYHURST, Irene (Lotina, Trider)** - Irene passed away peacefully at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Sunday May 19, 2013, 4 months shy of her 90th birthday. She leaves behind her children, Kenny (Sandy) Trider, Joanne (Jimmy) Newman, Susan (Larry) Duncan, and Darlene Lotina. Mom will also be missed by her sisters Margaret "Aunt Mamo" Grobowski and Lorraine Diebold of Calgary. Also survived by her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and her extended family from the Legion. Irene was predeceased by her husband Bob Hayhurst (2004) and her two daughters, Margaret "Honey" Royer in 2011 and Diane Larocque in 2012. For many years she cooked and waited tables at the Anglo-American Hotel and later at the Waverly Hotel. Those who knew Irene could count on her sense of humour and "words of endearment" she used whether socializing or letting you know just what she thought. She was a regular fixture at the Fort Erie Legion, known to many as "Ma" or "Gramma". They were also very familiar with the wrist of her cane, such as most of us were. Ironically, one of the bartenders from the Legion was a patient just a few rooms down the hall. Mom tried not to miss Friday karaoke nights and Saturday afternoons, accompanied by her sister, Aunt Mamo. In February of this year she moved to Garrison Place across the hall from her girlfriend of 68 years Millie Zubovic. With the assistance of the staff at Garrison Place, Mom foundered and her zest for life was made that much easier. We would like to acknowledge the care she received at Douglas Memorial this weekend from Dr. Scher and Mom's attending nurses, Holan and Colleen along with the rest of the staff. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road N. Ridgeway are entrusted with the arrangements. Visitation was held on Friday May 24th from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A service to celebrating her life was held in the Williams Chapel on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment followed at McAlfee Cemetery. A time to celebrate Mom's life continued at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #71, Garrison Road Fort Erie on Saturday at 8 o'clock. In memory of Irene, donations to the "Poppy Fund" of the Fort Erie Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 71 would be appreciated.

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**VON KAKCKREUTH, Ilse** - Born von Behnemann-Hollweg, February 11, 1910 - Passed away peacefully on May 28, 2013 in her 104th year. Exceptional loving and devoted Mother of Monica Denham (Denis), son Bert von Kakckreuth (Carolyn) and mother in law of Carol von Kakckreuth of Ajax. Grandmother of Rosemarie Denham Kranke (Ken), Shelley Denham, Mark von Kakckreuth (Wendy) of Mississauga, Shana von Kakckreuth Breton (Tony) of Sheraton, Kearsa von Kakckreuth Jamieson (Rob) of Amherst NY. Great grandmother to Matthew, Mackenzie, Heiley, Zowie, Nolan, Vaughn, Kye, Grace and Sissy. Also survived by nephews Derek and Alex von Behnemann-Hollweg of England and many great nieces and nephews all over the world. Predeceased by her husband Frank (November 19, 1990) and her son Falk (September 21, 2008), her sister Sibylle and brothers Wolf, Philip and Mepps. Mother was a registered nurse, her family arrived from Germany in October 1951, lived in Fort Erie, and she worked at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Buffalo General, Welland Riverside Annex, and Seven Day Adventist in Toronto. After retirement she loved to travel, read, play bridge, knit and oil paint and she especially loved to bike ride. She lived at Gilmore Lodge Nursing Home for the past 13 years where she was an active participant in all activities. A special thank you to Gilmore Lodge Nursing Staff for their great care over the many years, the Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary and residents for their wonderful friendship, and the Lion's Senior Centre for all their support throughout the years. A special thank you to her long time friend Elsie Albert, your love and kindness has been so appreciated. A private family interment will take place at McAlfee Cemetery. Rest in peace Mother, now watch out for her in Heaven as she rides her bike. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

## In Memoriams

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**Robert George Payne**  
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One Year  
 Though time has passed you are always in our hearts. We still cherish every memory and all the lessons you taught us. You inspired us to be better people and to make a difference and taught us what it is to be kind and caring. A part of you lives in all of your family, for that we are truly grateful. Always loved, always missed, Mark, Lin, Kelley Ann, Dean, Jay, Merrill, Brian, and families.

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